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the Same and Uses Thereof**
Inventors: Jalkanen *et al.*
Our Ref: 1708.0280002/MAC/MBT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets citing 8 documents);
3. 8 documents attached cited in Form PTO-1449; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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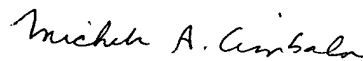
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